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SUBJECT: MANPOWER NEEDS FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEE PROGRAM

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1. WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH USAID THAT THOMPSON, TUCKER AND O'NEILL WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE REFUGEE OPERATIONS OFFICE IN BANGKOK. O'NEILL AND TUCKER ORDERS HAVE EXTENDED 90 DAYS PER REFTTEL. DOES POST WISH WRITTEN EXTENSION FOR THOMPSON? WE NOT AWARE OF SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR SAGE AND HOFFECKER. IF FROM PL93-24 FUNDS, THESE CAN ALSO BE EXTENDED.

2. AID HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD OPEN POSITION IN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUREAU TO WHICH JACK HUXTABLE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED UNTIL JAN. 1.

3. WE HAVE OBTAINED THE CONCURRENCE OF THE TASK FORCE IN THE RELEASE OF LIONEL ROSENBLATT AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THOR KUNIHOLM. ROSENBLATT WILL ARRIVE BANGKOK EARLY
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JANUARY. IF POST CAN COVER GAP BETWEEN DEC. 10 & EARLY JAN.

WITH IN-HOUSE RESOURCES, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HUXTABLE'S
EARLY DEPARTURE. THE LENGTH OF ROSENBLATT'S STAY WILL
DEPEND UPON THE CONTINUED NEEDS OF PROGRAM BUT COULD BE UP
TO SIX MONTHS.

4. IN VIEW OF PROBABLE CONTINUING HEAVY DEMANDS ON
REFUGEE OPERATIONS OFFICE AS INDICATED REF. B, WE ARE
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE WINDING DOWN OF THE TASK FORCE
TO OBTAIN TWO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR THE REFUGEE
OPERATIONS OFFICE. ONE OFFICER WOULD REPLACE JACK
HUXTABLE AS DEPUTY AND THE SECOND WOULD SPECIALIZE IN
STATISTICS AND REPORTING. DETAILS OF THESE ASSIGNMENTS
WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPTEL. ASAP. KISSINGER

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